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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the residents of Pope County on the 200th anniversary of the county's founding; and

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WHEREAS, Pope County was established on January 10, 1816, and formed from portions of Gallatin and Johnson counties; it received its name from Nathaniel Pope, then Secretary of the Illinois Territory; and

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WHEREAS, Pope County shares in a portion of the Shawnee National Forest, providing residents and visitors with lakes, creeks, rock formations, and caves; and

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WHEREAS, Notable residents from Pope County include American Civil War General James L. Alcorn, Military Governor of South Korea, preceding the Korean War John R. Hodge, and American Civil War General Green B. Raum; and

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WHEREAS, Pope County host many yearly events, including the River-to-River Relay, the 9-day Trail Ride, the Deer Festival, and the Christmas House Tour; and

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WHEREAS, Residents of Pope County began celebrating their county's bicentennial on January 10, 2016 and will hold

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1 celebratory events throughout the year; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 congratulate the residents of Pope County on the 200th
5 anniversary of the county's founding, and we wish them many
6 more wonderful years.